

**Pacific Yearly Meeting
68th Annual Session Minutes and Reports**

PLENARY IV

Plenary IV opened with worship at 8:50 a.m.

Reading Clerk DJ Bloom (Apple Seed) read the epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Aotearoa/New Zealand. Emphasizing flexibility regarding Quaker process, the epistle affirmed the importance of inclusiveness. Newly revised *Advices and Queries* were launched, and a lecture by Jeanette Fitzsimons spoke to the necessity of a sustainable economy.

The AFSC West Regional Director Sonia Tuma was introduced and welcomed.

The Plenary III Minutes were approved.

Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee Co-Clerk Mary Klein (Palo Alto) and Youth Coordinator Alyssa Nelson (Davis) presented the committee report (attached) with appreciation for yesterday's listening session in preparation for this agenda item. In addition to the details in the report, they have recently held a Young Adult Friends retreat weekend at Redwood Forest with 30 attending, assisted Berkeley Friends Meeting to start the process to establish a Quaker Voluntary Service house in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2016, worked with Quaker Oaks Farm and others in preparation for the 2015 Presidents' Day camping weekend and service project with the Wukchumni tribe, and started a conversation with Casa de Los Amigos on a future project in Mexico City.

AS Minute 2014-03 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved changing the name of the "Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee" to the "Youth Programs Coordinating Committee," with appreciation for the work performed thus far.

American Friends Service Committee report was presented by U.S. West Regional Director Sonia Tuma. The U.S. West Region is the largest AFSC region in the U.S. with 17 of 38 AFSC U.S.-based programs. Six of the 11 offices in the West Region are in California: three in the Central Valley (Fresno, Stockton, and Farmersville), one in San Francisco, one in Los Angeles and one in San Diego. Immigration is the largest program focus. Sonia presented details on the two youth programs in California, the Los Angeles Roots for Peace with a focus on food security and the San Francisco 67 Suenos (67 Dreams in English) referring to the 67% of the undocumented youth who are not eligible for any Dream Act provisions. See the AFSC website for details: www.afsc.org

Friends Committee on National Legislation Associate Executive Secretary for Legislative Programs Ruth Flower (Adelphi, Baltimore Yearly Meeting) thanked us for both our financial support and active participation in the work of the FCNL. She noted that Friends can work from their homes with hands on the computer or hands on conference calls or calls to their members of Congress. On the Hill she has been asked how many FCNL supporters are in a District or State and she can point to copies of letters to editors or to copies of correspondence between Quaker constituents and their members. PYM meetings also participate every other year in setting

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legislative priorities for lobbying through a consultative process. FCNL is engaging Young Friends in a new program that will lead to more internships, short-term and long-term, Spring Lobby Weekends, and a special track at the November Annual Meeting that builds Young Friends' sense of community. She has been surprised at Friends' surprise that AFSC and FCNL worked together in developing a look at a new U.S. foreign policy in the "Shared Security" document and website (www.sharedsecurity.org). Aside from this joint project, FCNL and the AFSC Washington, D.C. office (Office of Public Policy Advocacy) have long worked together in complimentary fashion on bringing Friends' testimonies to bear on Congress and the Administration.

Peace and Social Order Committee Clerk Alvaro Alvarado (Sacramento). presented the committee's report (attached). The main work this year was developing the document, "Procedures for Presenting a Minute of Concern at Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session," which are part of the committee's report.

Minutes were approved.

Closing Worship at 10:00 a.m.